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### *President's Message*

Hello Everyone,

As July is now upon us, the annual AGM – CAWMC breakfast meeting is scheduled to take place during the RCNA Convention in Ottawa on Saturday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> at 8:00 am in the Joliet Room. This year's will be the first in person meeting since 2019. I know members are looking forward to attending the meeting and enjoy a buffet style breakfast and the auction that follows the AGM. The agenda for the Breakfast and AGM is mentioned at the end of this issue of Timber Talk, along with a listing of the auction lots. I hope to catch up with everyone at the meeting!

As in year's past if you feel that any CAWMC member is deserving of being recognized, please feel free to contact me and let me know the member(s) and the reason why you have selected them. This is a great way to honour members who have stepped forward and helped to support the Association.

If you are traveling to the meeting in Ottawa, wishing you all safe travels to and back home!

I would like to wish a Happy Canada Day to all members and a Happy Fourth of July to our American members!

Cheers,

James

## *Featured Wood of the Month*



This John & Audrey Hnatiuk \$.75 wood, issued in 1989, is one of several their Vancouver, B.C. woods that, over the years, for some reason, never initially got entered into our official wood catalogue. That has been corrected and this wood now appears in the recently issued, year 2021, wood supplement Listing, as wood 9800 - 221. That update Listing is available from member Dave Gillespie ON.

In 1981, before selling his business, John had a very large number of woods made in different denominations ranging from \$.25 to \$5.00. They were given out to store customers and sent out in mail orders to be used in future purchases. These woods have long expired and, of course are now "Void" as indicated.

Many woods, issued by John & Audrey have an attached decal as an obverse, which highlights various celebratory occasions. Others, like this one, have this white/blue advertising decal which shows John's C.N.A. Life membership number (C.N.A.L.M.-134) and a small icon of the Pacific Dogwood flower, the floral emblem of the province of British Columbia. John has also used other small icon figures, on these decals, such as ANA, beaver, star and maple leaf on his woods. There is even a series of decals, featuring various breeds of dogs.

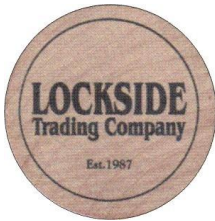
As the decal on this 45mm wood indicates, John & Audrey were involved in, not only coins and stamps, but many things with a connection to British Columbia. They had badges from police, game and fire departments as well as firearms and fishing licenses, dog tags, chauffeur badges, key tags, taxi badges and miscellaneous others.

You can bet that there was much time and effort involved in the production of these woods. Thank you to John and his son Dave, for this donation to our membership.



## *Chips from the Woodpile .... By Dave Gillespie*

*In March of 2010, an article appeared in Timber Talk by Lou Vesh regarding a wood that he discovered by accident when a non-collecting friend presented him with a token from "Lockside Trading Company" located in Youngs Point just north of Peterborough. The business includes a vast variety of merchandise from furniture to hardware and everything in-between. The wood was handed out to customers waiting on orders and they could take it around the corner in Youngs Point to redeem it for a coffee, ice cream or other light refreshment. The wood pictured in the article (coloured black on both sides) appears as wood #5977-001 in our catalogue under Youngs Point ON. Do any of our seasoned collectors know anything more about this wood? \**



*Why is a dollar called a 'Buck'? Back in the days when the west was being discovered and the frontier was being settled, saloons were a popular place to have a drink and gamble. In poker games a 'Buck' was a knife made of buckhorn that was passed around the table to indicate who was dealing. When a hand was finished, the dealer "passed the buck" to the next player.*

*Surprisingly, a wood recently discovered by Ross Kingdon and included in our latest '2021 Catalogue Supplement' was articleed and pictured in the May 2011 newsletter. Jack Veffler, a collector from Toronto commissioned Universal Signs to produce his woods including a Toronto Blue Jays - World Champions 1992 wood (now catalogue # 5901-022) but he wasn't happy with the results and allegedly destroyed almost all of the pieces. If I am not mistaken this wood either has or is to become a Free Wood of the Month.*

*If you are a collector of Canadian Centennial memorabilia Kitchener, Ontario issued a large 1 1/2" incused Wooden Dollar as part of the celebrations, most were varnished (cat. # 5490-002A & B). Cornwall also issued a similar wood incused with the design painted white and varnished (cat. # 5200-003).*

*\*The pictures illustrating this wood appeared in Norm Belsten's PowerPoint presentation "Ships and Boats on Canadian Woods", last presented at CAWMC's virtual AGM in 2021.*

*The start of the Atlantic Provinces Numismatic Association (A.P.N.A.) is an interesting story. When the 1964 C.N.A. convention held in Halifax was taking place some members from the four Atlantic Provinces got together and came up with the idea of a regional organization which was formed the following Spring. The association, which included wooden money collectors (A.P.W.M.A.) commenced with 25 charter members and grew to over 200 strong with membership from across Canada and the U.S. The A.P.N.A. along with the A.P.W.M.A. was dedicated to assisting clubs, promoting numismatics and good fellowship. Semi-annual rallies were held throughout the Maritimes for approximately 40 years. Sadly the A.P.W.M.A. was forced to fold due to loss of members and a lack of participation. In the end, the executive of the wooden money collectors donated some of the monies held in its bank account to C.A.W.M.C*

*Til next time ..... Let the Chips lie where they fall. Dave Gillespie*

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## **Answer to Quiz Question of June 2022 –**

*Q. What Canadian wood, issued back in 1961 was handed out to customers with each car wash and redeemable at a rate of 6 to 1 for a grease job?*

*A. Rimco Sales & Service ( wood # 2450-016).*

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## **Geocaching, Yours to Discover**

By Peter Becker



In the fall of 2016, I was introduced to Geocaching and shortly after gifted a stunning Canada Sesquicentennial medal created by Landsharkz. This is no ordinary medal as it has a registered and licensed trackable code allowing it to be discovered, visit cache locations, or retrieved by another player if placed in a

cache to be moved further along. Non trackable versions which I purchased several of to sell to collector friends quickly disappeared from the website before summer. As a numismatist I gave up correcting those that commonly refer to them as Geocoins. The medal prior to being retired and added to my personal collection mid January, logged



nearly 13,000 km from Michigan to Kingston and lots of cities and towns in between. Not bad considering it only travelled six months of the year!

The purpose of this article is not to go into detail explaining the worldwide treasure hunt using multi-million-dollar satellites and technology to find Tupperware in the woods. This subject has been touched upon in previous issues of Timber Talk. Readers are welcome to visit [www.geocaching.com](http://www.geocaching.com) or search for geocaching videos on YouTube if they wish to learn more or discover what all the fun and excitement is about. It's free to join but be warned it can quickly turn into an obsession with many positive health benefits.



The laser engraved 38mm wood and primary focus of this write up was designed by Brent Mackie similar in many aspects to this own as you can see in the photos. The initial run of 150 produced by Sean Sinclair features the Geocaching logo, travel bug image, a cache container, tracking code

(CA5REG) from the Canada 150 medal and my geocaching alias.

The wood made of birch has a familiar campfire/matchstick aroma and will serve a similar function as my numismatically themed pieces. I plan on distributing some to fellow Geocachers and collectors once meetings and events resume and place the remainder in random caches as a calling card. Wooden tokens are occasionally found as swag items in the regular to large size containers. Players will usually trade one of their items for something else of equal value in the cache. I have lost track how many surplus woods I have deposited over the past five years but if you happen to find one while out geocaching, chances are that it originated from me.



Since 2009 Canada Wide Woods has produced nearly a dozen different foil stamped rounds for special events such as Christmas, my 50<sup>th</sup> birthday, Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> and Waterloo Coin Society's 60<sup>th</sup> just to name a few, utilizing a stock design featuring the Canada Goose and modified for my personal use. Over the past decade many CAWMC members, convention/coin show attendees and coin club members have had the pleasure of receiving one or conducting an exchange. These pieces are great conversation starters, relatively inexpensive to produce and

fun to collect.

## Regina Coin Club Secretary Troy Zimmer produced a limited run of 20 'Lucky Fiver' woods to mark the club's 555th meeting.

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The Regina Coin Club (RCC) based in the Saskatchewan capital held its 555th meeting this April.

Since forming in January 1953, the RCC hosted semi-regular monthly meetings before hitting its most recent milestone on April 16.

Secretary Troy Zimmer designed a wooden coin to commemorate the event, with a special design laser-engraved onto a blank round. The reverse reads, “Commemorating / the / 555th / Meeting of the / Regina Coin Club / April 16th, 2021,” while the obverse reads “REGINA COIN CLUB / LUCKY FIVER” with a 1953 five-cent coin in the centre.

Only attendees of the April 16 meeting – both RCC members and special guests – have received one of the woods.

“Twenty were made up, one for each RCC member or guest who logged into the RCC Zoom meeting that night,” Zimmer told *CCN* this May, adding he engraved the woods with a three-watt laser engraver. “Although I’ve done a few different, one-off engraved wooden coins before, this was my first attempt at producing a wooden nickel for circulation to others.”

The “Lucky Five” theme relates to the club’s 555th meeting plus “from the fact that in the past, the RCC has marked some of their milestones with special souvenirs that have incorporated Canadian five-cent coins,” added Zimmer.

“Just for the fun of it – and to make the souvenir extra special – I put the ‘Lucky Fivers’ into flip holders and included a certificate of authenticity, numbered, signed and embossed with the club seal.”



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# Agenda for CAWMC Annual Breakfast and General Meeting

To be held Saturday, July 20, 2022 at 8 a.m., in the Joliet Room

Location: Delta - Ottawa City Centre in Ottawa, Ontario.

## ***BREAKFAST***

Welcome

Grace

Moment of Silence for deceased members

Tickets for 50-50 draw and door prizes are now on sale

Enjoy breakfast

## ***ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING***

**Call to order**, confirm quorum

Approval of minutes of the virtual meeting held on July 22, 2021, as published in the September 2021 issue of Timber Talk

### **Reports:**

President's Report

Treasurer's Report

Editor's report

Motion to approve reports

### **Fundraising**

### **New Business:**

Call for Adjournment

## ***DRAWS AND AUCTION***

## CAWMC BREAKFAST AUCTION

*As mentioned in the President's Message, there will be an Auction at our AGM Breakfast this Year. AND although this auction will be live it will be open for absentee bids. Mail bids must be received by July 15th, before the auctioneer leaves for the convention or by email or telephone by July 22nd. Our auctioneer is Al Munro. Al's email is [wood5cents@shaw.ca](mailto:wood5cents@shaw.ca) and his cell number is 403-830-3724. His home number is 403-273-6133(before July 18th).*

*We are preparing a PowerPoint presentation of all the lots to be offered this year. This presentation will be sent electronically to our members on the Timber Talk email listing prior to our meeting. Details for procedures to make an absentee bid will be included with the list. If you are not on the Timber Talk email list and wish to receive a copy of the listing, please email Al at [wood5cents@shaw.ca](mailto:wood5cents@shaw.ca) from an email address that Al can use to email the list.*

## LOTS CAWMC AUCTION TO BE HELD ON JULY 23,2022

LOT	Catalogue #	DESCRIPTION	RESERVE
1	5675-040	Centennial Souvenir	2.00
2	9400-001	Kamloops Key	10.00
3		Calgary Post Souvenir	2.00
4	5900-1979	CNE EX	2.00
5		Lot of 121 Lou Vesh Woods	10.00
6		20 Saskatchewan Woods	10.00
7		20 Alberta Woods	10.00
8		20 Ontario Woods	10.00
9		20 Lou Vesh Woods	5.00
10		20 Lou Vesh Woods	5.00
11		20 Maritimes Woods	10.00
12		20 Maritimes Woods	10.00
13		20 Lou Vesh Woods	5.00
14		20 Lou Vesh Woods	5.00
15		20 British Columbia Woods	10.00
16		20 Alberta Woods	10.00
17		20 Lou Vesh Woods	5.00
18		20 British Columbia Woods	10.00
19		11 Hnatiuk Mother's Day Woods	5.00
20		2 sets of 50 each Trains USA woods	10.00